



Monocacy Scenic River Board meeting
June 7, 2017 - Frederick, Maryland

In attendance:

Jack Lynch (FC), Bill Hensley (FC), Bob Whiting (FC), Tim Goodfellow (FC- Staff), Pam Reppert (City of Frederick), George Grillon (CC), Mona Becker (CC), Chris Heyn (CC), Jim Wieprecht (CC), Earl Bell (CC), Byron Madigan (CC- Staff). Absent: Sam Roop (FC)

Jim W. motioned to approve May 2017 meeting minutes. Mona seconded. Unanimous vote (Earl Bell arrived late and did not vote)

Tim described the request from FC for the River Board to recommend (to the County Executive's office) a replacement for FC River Board member Jim Dertzbaugh. A week prior to the meeting, the River Board received the interest letters and resumes from 4 candidates seeking an appointment to the River Board. The River Board voted via secret ballot to recommend a replacement for Jim Dertzbaugh (Sam Roop voted via email due to his absence). The votes were counted and the results showed:

- Tony Checchia – 2 votes
- Rebecca Eaves – 2 votes
- Mark Jenkins -- 0 votes
- Stan Mordensky -- 5 votes

FC Planning Director Jim Gugel spoke to the River Board regarding the future public review and hearing on the River Board's Final Draft Plan and the subsequent role that the Planning Commission and County Council will have in the review and adoption of the River Mngt. Plan. Mr. Gugel also mentioned a petition that opposes the Plan. Mr. Gugel stated that FC Staff, Tim Goodfellow, would not be removed as Staff liaison to the River Board and not removed from completing work on the River Mngt. Plan.

The River Board began a review and discussion of the revisions made to the Plan at the May 3, 2017 meeting. A week prior to the meeting, the River Board received copies of the draft revisions made at the May 3, 2017 meeting.

Some members expressed non-support for the statement about private property rights and the U.S. Constitution in the Executive Summary. Bill H. motioned to revise the sentence to clarify that the Plan does not abuse property rights or advocate for zoning changes. Earl Bell seconded the motion. Vote: 3 for, 5 opposed. Motion failed and sentence about property rights and the U.S. Constitution will be removed from the Executive Summary.

Chris motioned to remove the sentence in the Executive Summary about conducting a cost-benefit analysis for the recommendations in the Plan. Mona seconded motion. Vote: 5 for, 3 against. Motion passed.

Bob motioned to replace the words 'will' with 'should' in the first sentence of the last paragraph in the Executive Summary and to add the words "Monocacy Scenic" to item no. 2 under the Appendix listing in the Table of Contents. George seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

Bob read a statement that revised the first paragraph on page 2-3 under the heading of "Monocacy Scenic River Board." After discussion, there was unanimous consent to remove the word 'also' from the sentence about River Board membership.

There was discussion about the River Board's tire clean-up events as described on page 2-3. Tim stated that the photographs were supposed to be moved and grouped with the short paragraph on the tire clean-up events. Jim motioned to add the word 'landowners' in the paragraph about River clean up events and public engagement on page 2-4. Mona seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

Bill H. motioned to add a recommendation about tire hauling to Chapter 2. Earl Bell seconded motion. Discussion centered on the fact that Chapter 2 is an introductory chapter and contains no recommendations like the other chapters. Vote: 1 for, 7 opposed. Motion failed.

Mona suggested that the listing of sources used in the History and Cultural Resources chapter be made in chronological order. Unanimous approval.

Earl Bell read a statement about environmental risks and private property impacts from parkland and public access to the River. River Board members commented on and discussed the statement. Chris mentioned the need to update the River Access Plan that was created in the early 1990's. Bill described his meetings with Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins and the MD-DNR police regarding trespassing issues, patrols, littering, and illegal activities associated with the River, parkland, River access, and adjacent private property. Jim Gugel suggested adding a new heading in Chapter 8: public river access.

Earl motioned to include a revised statement, which he read, that incorporated some of the concerns and issues voiced by River Board members. George seconded. Vote: 6 opposed, 2 for. Motion failed. George motioned to include Earl's revised statement and removing the sentence that states much River access is made while trespassing on private property. Earl seconded motion. Vote: 6 opposed, 2 for. Motion failed.

George began a discussion with the River Board regarding the Ecologically Significant Areas (ESAs) as contained in Chapter 5. George motioned to remove the 2nd paragraph on page 5-2 on the ESAs, plus the 8.5x11 map from the Plan, but retain the data in the Appendix on the ESAs, and revise the paragraph identified for removal with a 'for further information' statement with DNR's web site and contact information. Earl Bell seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

Bob motioned to remove the photograph of the 'Indian Caves' shown on page 3-3. George seconded motion. Vote: 7 for, 1 opposed. Tim stated that a replacement photo could easily be inserted into the Plan.

Discussion returned to the Parks/Rec. chapter. Chris discussed some points from Earl Bell's statement that could be incorporated into a paragraph or recommendation for updating the River Access Plan (from the early 1990's). Chris verbalized a suggested recommendation for the update of the River Access Plan and motioned to add it to Chapter 8. Jack seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

River Board members shared additional viewpoints and suggestions for revising Earl Bell's statement for Chapter 8. Jim W. captured and summarized the River Board's suggestions and read a revised statement for inclusion in Chapter 8. Jim W. motioned to incorporate the edits to Earl's statement into Chapter 8. George seconded motion. Unanimous approval.

Tim called attention to the revisions to the recommendations to Chapter 6 (land use) as directed by the River Board at the May 3, 2017 meeting. The River Board unanimously approved the revisions to Chapter 6's recommendations.

Earl Bell requested the River Board's public hearing be moved from July 5, 2017 to July 12, 2017. The River Board accepted this change.

Chairman George Grillon then opened the meeting for public comment. After one person's commentary, the Chairman formally closed public comment and ended the meeting.

Submitted by Tim Goodfellow, Staff to River Board

